

## SENATE BILL No. 437

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### DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

**Citations Affected:** IC 20-8.1-5.5.

**Synopsis:** School resource officer program. Establishes the school resource officer grant program, administered by the department of education, to place law enforcement officers in schools to perform law enforcement duties, perform law enforcement related counseling, perform law enforcement related education, and act as role models and mentors. Appropriates \$12,000,000 to the department of education for its use in providing school resource officer grants.

**Effective:** July 1, 1999.

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January 13, 1999, read first time and referred to Committee on Education.

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First Regular Session 111th General Assembly (1999)

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning education and to make an appropriation.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

- 1 SECTION 1. IC 20-8.1-5.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
- 2 AS A **NEW** CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
- 3 JULY 1, 1999]:
- 4 **Chapter 5.5. School Resource Officer Program**
- 5 **Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "law enforcement agency"**
- 6 **includes a city, town, or county police department.**
- 7 **Sec. 2. As used in this chapter, "officer" means a school**
- 8 **resource officer serving under this chapter.**
- 9 **Sec. 3. As used in this chapter, "program" refers to the school**
- 10 **resource officer grant program established under section 6 of this**
- 11 **chapter.**
- 12 **Sec. 4. As used in this chapter, "school resource officer" means**
- 13 **a law enforcement officer who is:**
- 14 **(1) an employee of the law enforcement agency that has**
- 15 **jurisdiction over a school; and**
- 16 **(2) assigned to a school as the officer's regular duty.**
- 17 **Sec. 5. An officer who is assigned to a school may do the**



1 following:

- 2 (1) Perform law enforcement duties.  
3 (2) Perform law enforcement related counseling.  
4 (3) Perform law enforcement related education.  
5 (4) Act as a role model and mentor.

6 Sec. 6. (a) The school resource officer grant program is  
7 established to assist schools in preventing violence on school  
8 property.

9 (b) The department shall administer the program.

10 (c) The department may apply for, receive, and disburse federal  
11 funds to carry out the program.

12 Sec. 7. (a) A governing body and the law enforcement agency  
13 that has jurisdiction over the school corporation may apply jointly  
14 to the department for a grant to fund the placement of officers in  
15 the school corporation.

16 (b) This subsection applies to a school corporation that has  
17 school property within the jurisdiction of more than one (1) law  
18 enforcement agency. The governing body may apply for separate  
19 grants with each law enforcement agency for the schools within  
20 each law enforcement agency's jurisdiction.

21 SECTION 2. [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1999] (a) There is  
22 appropriated to the department of education twelve million dollars  
23 (\$12,000,000) from the state general fund for its use in providing  
24 school resource officer grants under IC 20-8.1-5.5, as added by this  
25 act, beginning July 1, 1999, and ending June 30, 2001.

26 (b) This SECTION expires July 1, 2001.

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